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PAQ Mission Statement

The mission of the Probus Association of Queensland shall be to advance Probus as a vibrant community organisation for retired and semi-retired people by sharing ideas and information, coordinating multi-club opportunities for friendship, fellowship and social interaction, and assisting PSPL and Rotary with the formation of new clubs.

The Probus Association of Queensland Inc. (PAQ) is administered by a group of volunteer Probians. PAQ was formed to help, advise, assist, co-ordinate and initiate activities between Probians and Probus clubs throughout Queensland, without in any way infringing on their autonomy.

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in Clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests, and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends. The word PROBUS is an amalgam of the words "PROfessional" and "BUSi-ness". All PROBUS clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs but, on formation, are autonomous.



President's Report - AUGUST 2022

Congratulations to Queensland Probus Clubs on their successful year.

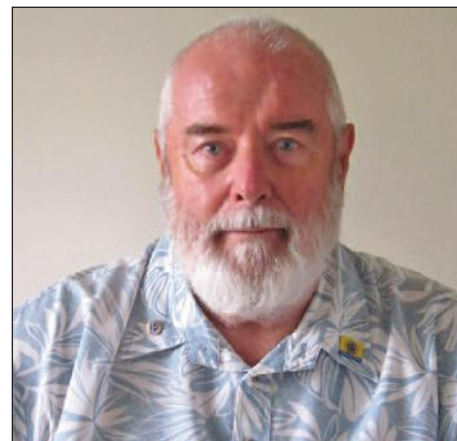
Looking at the PAQ Club Affiliation Returns, most Queensland clubs reported an increase in their member numbers over last year. I can only put that down to the efforts clubs have made to promote themselves in their community. Well done! And don't stop. If your club needs new members, talk with our RLOs about ways to promote your club.

Well done also to Merv Richens (PSPL Board Rotary Liaison Member) and to Barbara Tobin (Regional Liaison Officer – Brisbane Metro North West) on their successful start to the Arana Hills & District Probus Club. Barbara recently informed me that the club has had to set a limit to membership of 100, because of the venue, but believes they will have a waiting list fairly soon. Arana Hills & District Probus Club was the 4th new club in Queensland during the past year – a record not matched by other states or territories. Thanks must also go to all of the PAQ Management Committee members that provided additional

support for these clubs to start without a hitch.

PAQ is looking to start more new clubs in 2022-2023. Covid and the flu have played havoc with attendances in clubs but the demand for the fun, the fellowship and the friendship that Probus Clubs offer is certainly out there in the community. The COVID pandemic and Influenza epidemic have made many seniors realize that how isolated and lonely they are and they're looking for ways to overcome those concerns. Probus is, indeed, a great way to make new friends.

On another matter, planning for next year's MC is probably very far from the minds of those who have recently taken the reins in their club. Research shows that you need to start looking now and planning for succession. What was alarming to PAQ was the very small number of clubs that admitted to having a succession plan in place. In surveys of MC positions carried out by PAQ, many MC members report that they are often "thrown into the brink" and "offered little to no help" in taking over the role. No wonder it's difficult to get



people to take on the tasks if this is what the incumbent is saying to other members. Clubs need to have a plan to mentor people after they have accepted the challenges associated with taking on a committee role. One of the best ways is to "soften the blow" by having members assume "assistant" roles to the key positions. Succession Planning is NOT simply about finding a replacement – it's about ensuring that your club continues.

Let's keep on growing Probus - for everyone to enjoy the fun, the fellowship and the friendship.

Regards,
Rob N.



We demystify the Probus jargon for you

Probus in Australia and New Zealand is administered by **PSPL = Probus South Pacific Limited** often just called Probus.

In Queensland, there is the **Probus Association of Queensland** known as **PAQ** and it is an association for the Probus Clubs in Queensland.

PAQ has volunteer Probus members serving as advisors to clubs in regions. These advisors are called **Regional Liaison Officers** or **RLOs**.

These **RLOs** also serve as **PSPL Ambassadors** and also work to promote inter-club sharing of information, such as trips and outings as well as worthy club guest speakers.



PAQ is looking for a special person & you could be it!

The Probus Association of Queensland offers support to its affiliated clubs through **Regional Liaison Officers (RLO)** who are Probus members prepared to share their experience and knowledge of Probus with clubs in their region and offer advice when asked.

Currently PAQ is seeking RLOs for the Northern Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast regions.

If you'd like more information and to discuss what's involved in the position, contact either

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PAQ PRESIDENT'S TOUR OF TASMANIA - 2022

Cool but fine weather with a touch of snow, delicious food and delectable wines, enthralling history, challenging art and encounters with lively wildlife both day and night, delightful travel companions – the 2022 PAQ President's tour to Tasmania had it all!

Our fourteen days and thirteen nights tour started in the chaos of the Brisbane Domestic Terminal with our guide, Belinda Patterson from Trade Travel, mothering our fellow tour participants through Check-In and Baggage Deposit.

Belinda and Stan, our Tassie coach driver, with their light banter and friendliness were a great source of humour with Stan a whiz at fitting our coach through some very tight places over the next fortnight.

Mt Wellington, on our arrival in Hobart, was clear of clouds and fairly sunny.

The view of Hobart was expansive and the area on top and down the mountain varied in vegetation and outlook. A town-tour and then our hotel – the Lenna of Hobart – concluded the first day.

Tasmania is awash with convict history, but the visit, on Day Two, to the

Cascades Female factory was certainly an awareness-raising tour highlighting the low esteem in which convicts and free women were held in at those times. The saddest part was the list, on a long wall, of a section of the death registry of infants – hundreds dying at very young ages. This site definitely had an impact on the group. To brighten us up, we then walked through the Cascade Gardens with its trees in their brilliant autumn colours.

Runnymede, a beautifully preserved house and gardens owned by an 1840's whaling captain, was much admired before a guided walk through the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens for a look of course, at the Patch.

Representatives from four of Hobart Probosc Clubs shared afternoon tea in the Gardens' café. Later in the tour, we also shared morning tea with members of four Launceston Probosc Clubs at the historic Brickendon Estate.

Day Three was a series of Bruny Island experiences of freshly shucked oysters, an array of cheeses and beers, at the Cheese Factory, fudges and chocolates made on the island

and a lunch at Adventure Bay. Bruny Island Honey had a variety of honeys for the group to taste and purchase, but it was their Leatherwood Ice Cream which made a big impression on everyone.

The morning of day Four at the Salamanca Markets showcasing Tasmanian produce and craft items led to Tarraleah Estate, an old Hydro-town, for lunch and then on to sculptor Greg Duncan's "Wall in the Wilderness" at Derwent Bridge.

This spectacular commemorative wall of wooden carvings celebrates the early pioneers and settlers of the West Coast.

Day Five on the West Coast Wilderness Railway from Queenstown to Strahan had our group enjoying a sparkling wine, canapes and complimentary lunches during the return trip through dense rainforest and spectacular river gorges.

Day 6 was a delightful lunch cruise across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gate, the convict goal of Sarah Island and up the Gordon River for a walk among the Huon pines. Then a delightful, interactive performance in Strahan at Australia's longest-running play 'The Ship That Never Was'



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shared the dramatic and hilarious true story about the last Great Escape from Sarah Island.

Day 7 was travel from Queenstown to the Cradle Mountain Hotel through stunning autumn displays of the deciduous beech tree "the fagus", only found in Tasmania; rugged gorges and King Billy Pines, hundreds of years old and a high snow fall in the late afternoon.

Day 8 at Devils at Cradle, ensured some close encounters with Tasmanian Devils, Quolls and wombats in naturally landscaped viewing enclosures. Again some light snow and sleet made us aware of the challenges of mountain living.

Day 9 displayed the small townships of Sheffield, Elizabeth Town, Deloraine, Westbury and Carrick with their autumn colours, township murals and splendid community art project of quilted, soft sculpture silk panels (one for each season), drawing us into the landscapes and lifestyles of the Meander Valley people. Then on to Launceston with a gentle stroll at the Cataract Gorge Reserve and a chairlift ride across the Gorge.

Day 10 on a Derwent River wharf at the Platypus House and Seahorse

World and lunch at the Cormorant Cafe before travelling to Beaconsfield, the site of the great mine escape by Todd and Brant. Beaconsfield was Tasmania's largest gold mine and produced \$450 million worth of gold, in today's value, between 1877 and 1914.

A wine tasting at Tamar Ridge Cellar Door before settling for night at Grinewald, a Swiss themed resort above the Derwent.

Day 11 began with a guided tour of Brickendon Estate, one of the earliest farming properties in Van Diemen's Land. The gardens include one of the most unusual collections of trees in a private garden within Australia. Majestic Oaks, Elms, Pines, Cedars, Yews and Lindens encircle the gardens. Trees of these species and age are not found together anywhere else in Tasmania, other than Hobart's Royal Botanical Gardens. That night at Bicheno, we walked down to the beach to see the fairy penguins coming ashore.

Day 12 down the magnificent Freycinet Peninsula to Cape Tourville Lighthouse for spectacular and rugged coastal views from the safety of the boardwalk then through

Swansea to Triabunna with a paper box lunch at The Fish Van.

Richmond Goal with its solitary and punishment cells, holding rooms, flogging yard and cookhouse was a brutal reminder of convict days.

After crossing Eaglehawk Neck with its 'Dog Line' monument, we overnighted at Port Arthur.

Day 13 morning was a guided walk through the Port Arthur Historic Site followed by a 20-minute harbour cruise past the Isle of the Dead then back to Hobart through farm lands ravished by 2019 bush fires.

Everyone was keen to visit Mona Gallery (Museum of Old and New Art or MONA) in the afternoon.

This very different gallery, rising over three floors carved from the sandstone cliffs, features traditional hanging pieces as well as evolving installation art with a very modern focus. The final night of the tour at Hobart's Wrest Point Hotel/Casino.

Day 14, our last morning in Tassie, at Barilla Bay Oysters enjoying an "Oyster, Abalone and Ginger Beer farm tour before travel to Hobart airport for the flight home.

An amazing fortnight down in Tassie had come to an end.



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Forward into the Future

It never ceases to surprise me just how much you can learn from others. At my regional meeting last week, I heard the word "Future" as another "F" after the usual chant of "Fun, Fellowship, Friendship and let's not forget Food". The more I thought about this word "Future", the more did I begin to realize that it belonged in front of all the "F"s, because, without a Future for the club, there will be no Fun, Fellowship and Friendship and no need for the Food.

Yes, you guessed it, I am talking about Succession Planning. We have been and will continue to talk about this as an important activity at all the workshops we are currently running to stress its importance for clubs.

We have held two workshops: one on the north side and one on the south side of Brisbane in May for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Our next workshops will be in July for the Outings and Activities teams and one for those deputed to arrange a Guest Speakers programme.

Each time we conduct one of these workshops Succession Planning is an integral part of the day. This is to emphasise that we should regard it as an integral part of our Probus Clubs if we wish to survive and go "Forward into the Future"

I have enjoyed working with the other Regional Liaison Officers in presenting these workshops to our fellow Probus members. Each of these days has allowed everyone attending the opportunity to contribute to the discussion at their table. Each table then presents their most important thought on the subject being discussed to the whole room.

This allows all attendees to hear a very wide variety of ideas and comments. I am sure all members attending these days will have taken something back to their clubs to share and to implement within their clubs – all the time discussing this with all club members.

Your RLO is there to assist your clubs, so never hesitate to contact your RLO – if not sure of something just ask. Everyone coming to these workshops has the opportunity to share and learn new ideas to assist their clubs to move more into the future. I look forward to meeting with more of Probus Club members at future workshops – there is always something to learn from these days.

Carwyn Arnold

RIGHT: Participants at Outings and Activities Officers and Speaker Organisers Workshop



HAMILTON

We're up and active – and enjoying being Probian

Hamilton, as a Club, is out to show that living active and healthy lives with improved physical and mental wellbeing brings its own rewards. It already seems that this approach is not only popular with our current member but is serving to attract new and potential members.

Two recent initiatives has been the foundation of a Social Bridge and Mah-jongg morning the second Wednesday of every month. The happy faces in the photo show some of the bridge group having a break to enjoy an Easter morning tea.

Members and friends look forward to a relaxing game each month and as a result new players have joined our Club.

Anne Gooley



Happiness and relaxed enjoyment abound everywhere.

Welcome to a new RLO – Moreton Region

Allen Collishaw



Allen was born in Maryborough, Queensland on 12 May 1941.

His schooling was at the Maryborough Boy's Grammar. He later did his Trade Apprenticeship in Plumbing, Draining and Gas-fitting, going on to train as a Lay Preacher in the Baptist Church.

He married Heather Robertson in 1962. She is a Registered Nurse and a Theatre Sister. They have a family of three with seven Grandchildren and one Great Granddaughter.

They moved to Gladstone in 1966. There, he perhaps set the level tone for his future life and career, as he managed large industrial, commercial and domestic contracts throughout Central Queensland. Early on in his business career, Allen showed his talent for development and his enjoyment of voluntary service. His participation in this ranged from his devotion to his Church and his interest in Youth and Education through to his connection to Aged Care.

1988 saw him move to Noosa, where his talent and interest in the cause of Aged Care, with his employment in Retirement Villages and Aged Hostels took off. In his hands, there was a huge development, first in Noosa, then at the Hibiscus Retirement Villages, both in Noosa and Nambour.

In 1989, he was invited to join the Rotary Club of

Noosa. Within Rotary, over a period of thirty-three years, he undertook the initiative and development of many Rotary driven projects

ranging from the Sunshine Coast Recreation Education Park through to such as the development of "Bridging the Gap" aimed again at helping the futures of youth in employment throughout the Region.

Allen was to accept Offices of varying degrees in three Rotary Clubs over the years in Noosa, Pine Rivers and Caboolture, earning due recognition of his efforts through well-deserved awards for service to Rotary in general and to Youth and the Aged in particular.

Inevitably, he moved on to join Probus gaining membership of the Burpengary Club, in which club he currently holds the position of President. Predictably, knowing his past record, it is no surprise that he has volunteered to take up the position of Regional Liaison Officer for the Moreton Region.

With his retention of the Rotary Four Way Test as a guide and the Rotary "Principles of Service beyond Oneself" as a tenet for life, Allen has much to bring the Probus movement in general and the clubs in the Moreton Region.



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The Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular

On a cold, crisp, clear Saturday morning, several HPC members joined a tour bus headed for The Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular. Our destination was Boonah a town that has the distinction of being named as a Lonely Planet Top Destination in the world for 2022.

We headed for the Cunningham Highway and had been travelling for an hour, when the bus turned off the Highway at Swanbank and stopped at the decommissioned Swanbank Powerhouse. Morning tea of home-made biscuits and slice was served at the delightful picnic grounds on the edge of a lake. Apparently the lake was used to cool the water from the Power Station. Joining the Highway again, we took the route via Amberley, where we were lucky to see one of the RAAF jets flying low. On we went past the Willowbank Raceway. Our driver gave a running commentary, as we admired the magnificent mountains and hills that could be seen so very clearly due to the cloudless sky and lack of any haze. On past Mutdapilly, past Summer Land Camel Farm at Harrisville and the Kalfresh Carrot Factory at Kalbar – it was a never-ending trip of beauty and interest.

At Fassifern, we turned for Boonah and were soon at the Showgrounds. There were so many displays and events listed in the Schedule, it was difficult to decide. Those big beautiful heavy horses were strutting, or plodding, their stuff in both rings, coats shiny and tails plaited. They provided the horsepower on the surrounding farms before tractors and modern machinery made them redundant. In contrast to the heavy horses there was the Light Horse. The 11th Light Horse Darling Downs Troop is a historical re-enactment unit and made for an interesting and entertaining display, as well as a reminder of Australia's military history.

A Whip Cracking competition was running as we arrived. There was also a Billy-Boiling Competition, lost trades being demonstrated and working dogs showing their prowess.



We're enjoying the spectacular and having a chat.



The 11th Light Horse Darling Downs Troop are ready for the Charge!



We were warned and we're well rugged up.

Scotland provided many of the settlers in the Scenic Rim and their descendants celebrated this in a Gathering of the Clans. Two pavilions were packed with all things Scottish for sale and many people wore tartan, some in kilts. We took the opportunity to sit and be entertained by the Warwick Thistle Pipe Band marvelling at the skills of the very young musicians. The skirl of the bagpipes is a stirring sound.

We had been advised to line up for lunch early, as the queues could be very long so we thought we would try the Camp oven fare. Everyone else must have heard too, so we opted for an Aussie Burger comprising a beef patty, fried onion, tomato, lettuce and BEETROOT! Given that lettuces were bringing up to \$12 a head, it was a luxury lunch.

The forecast westerly winds didn't arrive and it was really warm by lunchtime.

The bus was much quieter on the way home as we were all weary after our day out. An alternate route home took us through Peaks Crossing and different scenery. A great experience that we could well look forward to having again.

Lowleen

MT GRAVATT

Our visit to Bribie Island

Midway through May, forty-four of our members set off on a most interesting tour of the Bribie Island area. First stop was the fishing village of Donnybrook and then on to morning tea by the water at Toorbul

Point. Both villages lie on Pumicestone Passage. This area was an important training area in amphibious warfare for Australian and American troops during WWII. We were all surprised at the development taking part in the villages. It was then on across the Bribie Island Bridge for a quick tour of Bribie and an excellent lunch at the Bribie

Island Surf Club situated on the shipping passage into Brisbane. We were most interested the incredible Water Tower Art at Bongaree and Woorim.

After lunch our tour took us through Beachmere for more excellent Water Tower Art and then home to Gowan Road. An excellent day was had by all.



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KAWANA WATERS

"Send In the Clowns"

At the Club's recent General Meeting, members were treated to the colourful and amusing antics that have brought smiles, laughter and a lot of

amusement to both young and old alike. The Coastal Caring Clowns have been delivering joy to a broad cross-section of hospital patients, Aged Care Residents and many others in need of a moment when mirth was definitely not a feature in their usual day. Coastal Caring Clowns was

founded over twenty years ago. All are eager, amusing volunteers dedicated to making life more joyful for us all. They treated us to a sample of their talents and certainly provided laughs and colour aplenty.

Encore! Encore!

Alan Taylor



Our President welcoming the Clowns



Hamming it up – never fails to bring a smile.

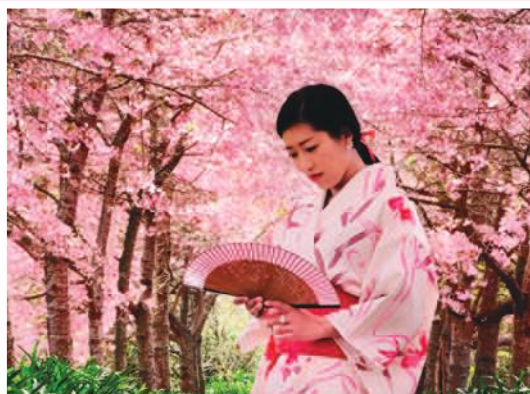
Cherry Blossom Spring in New Zealand

Spring is such an uplifting, optimistic time and nothing captures that spirit more than an exuberant display of cherry blossoms.

To have a whole tree totally smothered in blossoms before the leaves arrive is a sight to behold. To have whole avenues of cherry blossoms underplanted with carpets of pink primulas or bluebells rekindles your belief that the world is a beautiful place after all.

And if that is not enough, weave in the many cultures of the world with their dress, dance, music and food in joyful harmony, and you have a rich tapestry to restore your faith in humanity.

The NZ Cherry Blossom Festival held in late September/early October every year was never planned. Paul and Anne, the owners of English Cherry Tree Manor, have trespassers to thank. Each year people would gather at the gates of their main drive to take photos of the cherry blossom avenue. Then, people invited themselves onto the drive. One day, they arrived back at the property to find a wedding couple and professional photographer.



So, Paul and Anne decided to open up the gardens to the public so that people could come without fear of being chased. They thought that if they did some marketing with posters around the town etc, they might get a few hundred to attend. They did none of that except for one Facebook post from which quickly sold the limit of 2000 tickets. That was 2017, and the festival has grown since.

Though there is an abundance of colourful cultures performing at the festival, the visitors themselves are an attraction; many show up in dress whether that be cultural or just plain outrageous costume. Some also bring musical instruments, find a beautiful spot and play.

There are also costumes to hire at the festival to have your photograph taken by a festival professional photographer. Costumes available are Regency era, Oriental and Māori. Regency era is early 1800s Britain as portrayed in the Bridgerton TV series. Be a Chinese empress or Māori warrior. Or, don a korowai of feathers and fur.

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SUNNYBANK

A Trip to Kenilworth

A scenic coach-trip took me through the Blackall Ranges to Kenilworth, located in the Upper Mary Valley. This is a rural area about fifty kilometres from the Sunshine Coast, with dairy-farming as the major industry. The township of Kenilworth was formed in 1924 and has a population of just under three hundred.

One of the major attractions is the Kenilworth Country Food and Cheese Factory. The Cheese Factory was established by the Kraft Corporation

in 1950. In 1989, Kraft decided to close the factory. Two workers, however, decided that it was still viable and managed to persuade people that it should be bought from Kraft.

The result of this purchase was a boutique cheese-making factory in the heart of Queensland's Dairy District.

We left under blue skies but, by the time we reached our morning tea destination at the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve Rainforest Discovery Centre, near Maleny, the Heavens had opened up.

One of the ladies on the coach was celebrating her ninety-sixth birthday,

and a mud-cake was offered to one and all.

We continued through Maleny, until we reached the Kenilworth Hotel. The building retains its 1939's atmosphere of a quaint country pub. After a lunch of pork roast and trimmings, we walked down to the Cheese Factory, where we sampled a large variety of cheeses.

The drive up the Blackall Range was through Maleny and the return trip home was down through Eumundi to the Motorway. Although there were a number of heavy rainfalls, we still had an enjoyable day out.

Warren Green



Jan and Denise all set to explore the Rainforest



The Kenilworth Hotel

INNISFAIL

The Story of Gusto

It has long been the custom of the Innisfail Probus Club celebrating members' recent birthdays with a rendition of "The Birthday Song" at each of our monthly meeting. Members who were not too vocal were encouraged to "give it their all" and to "sing with gusto", thus bringing more joy to the occasion. On one particular occasion, however, one of our "bright sparks" asked the inevitable: "Who is this Gusto we are asked to sing with, and why is he never here?" Somewhat stumped, the Birthday Song duo, Col and Geoff, fobbed members off for a few months with excuses like: "He's just popped down to Maccas for a feed", but



The Birthday Song Trio in action - Col Ritchie, GUSTO and Geoff Duffield

the excuses soon began to wear thin and we had to find an acceptable solution. That's when Gusto was born and introduced as a permanent visitor to the Club. He is now an established member of the Gusto Trio for our monthly Birthday Song and we can now truthfully say that "everyone is singing with Gusto!".

Geoff Duffield

KAWANA WATERS

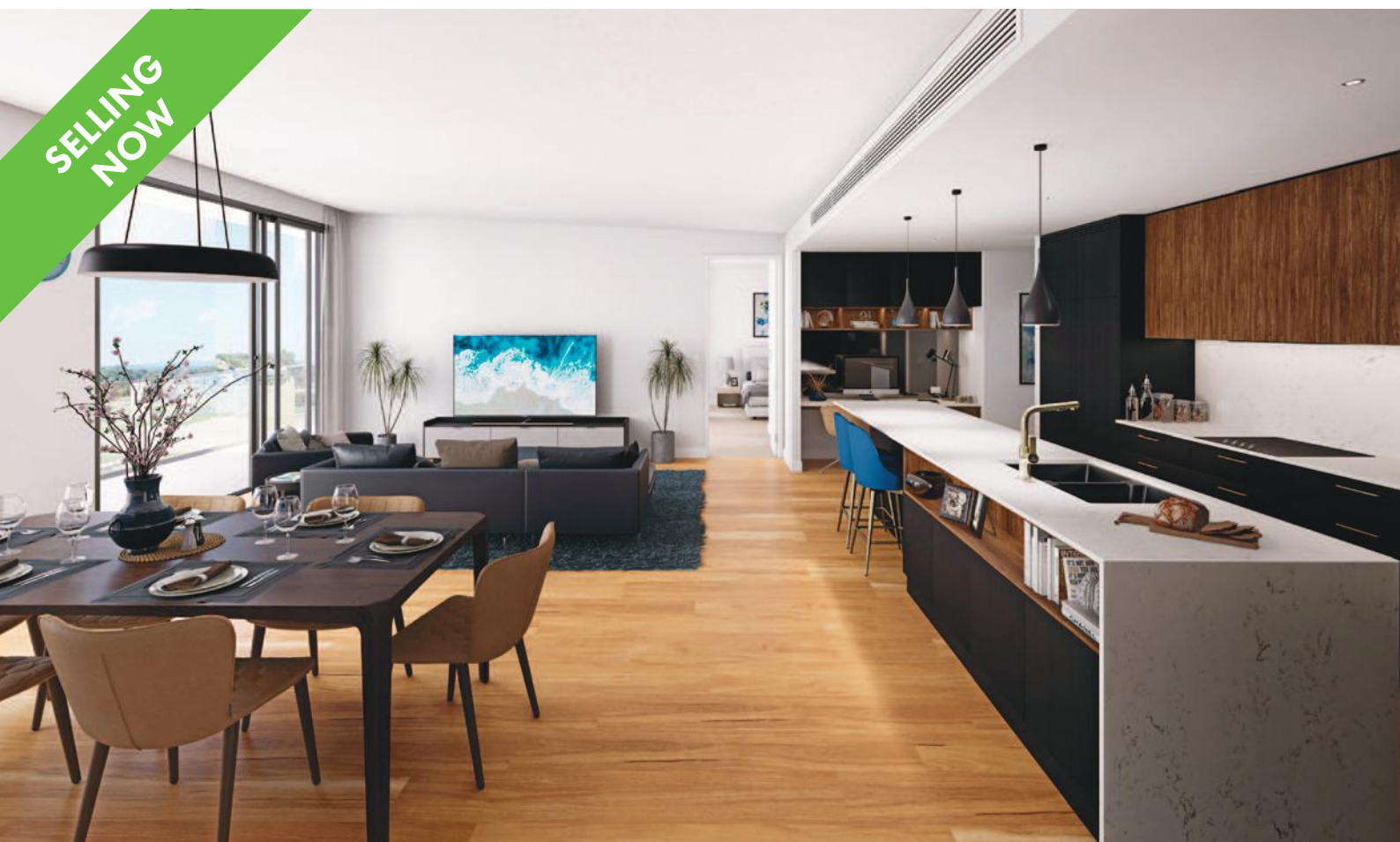
Our Member, Dr Peter Ellis, receives a well-deserved honour

Peter was invested with his Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) by the Governor, Her Excellency Dr Jeanette Young, at Government House in Brisbane on Friday May 13th. He was accompanied by his wife, Susie, as well as his daughter Natasha and son-in-law Gareth, who had travelled from Sydney and his younger son, Nick, who lives in Brisbane.



Peter and Susie after the ceremony

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NAMBOUR

A mixed bag providing lots of interest and activity

The clubs most recent outing was a Mystery Tour. Morning tea was in a pleasant outdoor setting at a cafe in Pomona that we had visited on a previous occasion. Everyone was amused by the antics of a number of Blue Faced Honeyeaters, when they invaded us looking for some cake crumbs.

Lunch was at the Apollonian Hotel at Boreen Point. Built in Gympie of local Cedar and Hoop Pine back in the 1870s, the hotel was moved to its present site in the late 1980s. It is a great venue for lunch in a real rustic setting, surrounded by natural bush.

A group photo was taken of members in this bush setting sitting on a very large log. This, of course, prompted one wag to suggest a title of "Frogs on a Log" as a title for it.



The Induction of Trevor and Judith Power by President Roger Roberts at Boreen Point

I guess the investiture of new members normally takes place at a club meeting. On this occasion, President Roger Roberts came up with an unusual difference.

New members, Trevor and Judith Power, were inducted in the same bush setting. I think this could be a first and set up a precedent.

Guest speakers have addressed the members on a wide variety of subjects at our meetings in recent times.

The most recent was a lady from Destiny Rescue. She spoke of their work in rescuing young girls from sex slavery in a number of countries in Asia. Another was a lady and her PTSD dog, Archie, who gave us an insight into the work being done for Veterans, and others suffering from various disorders, medical and psychological, and how companion dogs help them cope with their disorders.

Neither of these organisations receives any government assistance and relies on bequests, donations and their own fund raising activities.

One of these dogs can cost up to forty thousand dollars to train. As well as that, most of those involved in these organisations are volunteers and come from all walks of life.

Don McGlusky



Guest Speaker Linda McMullen, Fay Chant, Gordon Rick with Archie the Companion Dog.

MT GRAVATT PACIFIC

Our Fourth Birthday

Yes we are now four years old – not old really for a Probus Club, but boy! Do we know how to party!

We started with the Past President and Founding President, Catherine Wagner, and the current President, Brian Lobb, cutting the beautiful cake, before we commenced the business part of the meeting, which we had limited to the bare essentials as we wanted to get into the party.

Now the best part was looking at all the hats. Our theme for the party was "A Mad Hatters Party". Everyone got

into the spirit straight away and came with a creation of some sort. It was fantastic looking around the room to see all the variations we had all come up with.

The venue for our meeting is the Newnham Hotel in the Delavan Room, Mt Gravatt, and they had previously had a Trivia Night where they had dressed up the room with a massive Mad Hatters Hat on a table with many cups, saucers, teapots, thimbles and thread spools. It was so fitting for our theme. Many personal photos were taken around this table as a great memento.



Not quite "Three little Maids from School are we" but we are having a Ball!

We had the most wonderful morning tea spread with the cake as the sweet feature and then the fun started. Mates Rates – an excellent and well-known group – had had trouble being there but managed to arrive with two members, as the others had contracted the dreaded bug – yep! You guessed it! -



These are real works of art!

COVID. This didn't deter them in anyway, and we all enjoyed their music, with us singing along to the popular songs and dancing the Nut-bush – Oh! And, of course, members formed a Conga Line – and around they went.

But all good things must come to an end, and we all said our good byes and went home.

Oh, did I say that we had half a cake left over which went home to a freezer to come out at our special Croquet Day – new experience for us all – should be a lot of fun.

Carwyn Arnold

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Your tour starts with a delicious morning tea at the **Ipswich Visitor Information Centre**. Arrive at 9.30 am for Devonshire tea with huge fluffy scones, cakes and fruit. If time permits have a look around the local produce and artisan wares on sale at the centre and the HMAS Ipswich memorial before embarking onto your tour bus.

STOP 2: HERITAGE HOUSES

Once everyone is settled in, your driver and guide will take you around to view some of the most idyllic heritage sites in Ipswich. Learn about some of Ipswich's lovingly restored heritage homes in tree lined lanes, including a stunning Federation example called **Lakemba** which sits at the top of a hill overlooking the Ipswich CBD, as well as other architectural delights such as Fairy Knoll and Gooloowan.



Lakemba

STOP 3: RSL MUSEUM

Take a stroll through a leafy park to the entrance of the **RSL Workers' Memorial Hall**. Inside you'll find the names of men and women who served in the great wars, as well as more recent conflicts. There's also letters, artefacts, and photographs from war time eras. Outside stop to look at the gorgeous poppies in bloom.

STOP 4: ST MARY'S CHURCH

Stunning stained glass, high arched ceilings, and even the tomb of a former priest – this historical treasure is just waiting for you to discover her secrets. The **St Mary's Catholic Church** building is one of the most photographed landmarks in Ipswich and it's not hard to see why with the stunning towering steeples reaching up into the blue sky. Your tour may even include a look inside this church and information about when and why it was built.

STOP 5: LUNCH AT THE PA HOTEL

The **Prince Alfred Hotel** was first built in 1842 and at that time it was surrounded by cotton fields. Now it is surrounded by businesses and houses. The hotel, which was rebuilt after a fire in 1961, underwent renovations in 2012 to include three dining areas and the Southern Hemisphere's largest craft tap beer bar. Here you'll enjoy a delicious lunch, a beverage and savour the afternoon with good company.



OTHER LUNCH OPTIONS

Talk to the team at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre, who can provide menu options to suit your group's needs at restaurants including **Brothers Leagues Club, Club Services Ipswich, Ipswich Turf Club, Ruby Chews** and more.



Prince Alfred Hotel





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You can also look inside the **Ipswich Little Theatre**, a converted incinerator designed by Walter Burly Griffin and bundle it up with their lunch package.

Or include a trip to **The Workshops Rail Museum**, located at the birthplace of rail in Queensland the museum features restored trains and carriages, a simulator and even a look at the period clothes that train workers would wear.

This tour is available to groups of 20 people and over. To book contact the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre on (07) 3281 0555 or email info@discoveripswich.com.au.



OTHER TOUR OPTIONS

If you're looking for something different you can book a tour of the **RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre**. The static aircraft displays include an F-111, Caribou, Sabre, Boston. Mirage and a Canberra bomber. There's also the Ipswich Historical Society's home, **Cooneana Heritage Centre**. See restored homes, blacksmithing displays, an old schoolhouse and more.



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BUDERIM MOUNTAIN

A wonderful autumn trip to King Island

After eighteen months of planning, delays and postponements due to Covid, our King Island holiday finally came to fruition on Monday, 25 April. Seventeen members and four others flew out from Maroochydore to the Island via Melbourne. Angelika, our Active Tours and Transfers Guide met us at Maroochydore Airport - It was very useful to have her assistance during our navigation through airports.

Once on the Island which is a hundred kilometres long with fourteen hundred full-time residents, we reverted quickly to "Island time", and the slower pace of life. No traffic lights, only one round-about in the town of Currie. Lock your doors, why?

No keys left in the ignition of cars. Mainland habits die hard, so I am sure most of our group locked up.

For the duration of our four days, Moss, our knowledgeable Island Guide drove us around the entire rugged coast line of the Island. The colours of the rocks, sand and sea made for interesting photographs - inland lagoons, a Calcified Forest and wildlife abundant in the paddocks. Did I mention the three Golf Courses? Two are highly ranked within the Golfing Fraternity.

The Fairy Penguins - what a treat! We sat quietly in the darkened bus after dinner one night and watched these precious little sea birds as they were carried in by the waves. To witness them waddle in small groups toward their burrows was something most of us have not experienced for many years if at all.

We toured The Brewhouse a new facility that has been operational for

six months, the beer and alcoholic ginger beer were up there in taste, according to those who are in the know. A Boutique Distillery run by Heidi had some very interesting flavoured Gins. Both business owners were very passionate about their product and the fact that the ingredients were available on King Island.

Beautiful delicious food, most of which is grown and raised on the Island was savoured by the group each day, as we were presented with different tastes and flavours from a range of Island Venues. Not to be forgotten, the tasting plate at the renowned King Island Cheese Factory - choices were available. But which one to purchase? A hard decision to have to make!

I could go on, but room does not allow. All too soon it was time to depart. I would recommend that you put King Island on your travel list.

Wendy Grant



Our group, fittingly rugged up on a cool but sunny afternoon, after a fantastic lunch at the Cape Wickham Club House



Errol James, our Club Fisherman - shaking his head over the size of the King Crab

INDOOROOPIILLY

St John's Cathedral Tour with Rhyl Hinwood

It was a very cool winter's Sunday morning, when we met Rhyl Hinwood, at Cathedral Square opposite the St John's Cathedral in Brisbane. Rhyl is the rightly well-known sculptress, famous for her design and production of some seven hundred public artworks, and especially for her works in this Cathedral. Rhyl had been a guest speaker at one of our previous Probus meetings. It was pleasing to be able to make her acquaintance once again. She spoke a little about her background and what she had planned for her new sculpturing assignment, as an introduction to the tour we were to make under her guidance.

She then led us to a spot opposite the West End of the Cathedral, where we were told about the thirteen carved statues that she had been commissioned to create, and the inspiration for each piece. Instead of the thirteen individual characters, the niches actually house representations of twenty-four biblical characters who played significant roles in the story of Jesus. Interestingly, each has been given the face of an individual, often one currently well-known in Australia, including one with the face of the current Dean. This practice follows that of the architects of the old Gothic cathedrals, Rhyl then shared with us the complexity of installing each single sculptured item in its own niche, to give us the final presentation over the entry into the Cathedral from Ann Street.

We entered the Cathedral and soaked up the grandeur of this magnificent building. During this time some visited the Cathedral shop and other points of interest around this lovely building. An interesting area was the recently completed two metre diameter inlaid timber flooring piece, where once the christening bowl stood.

We all agreed that it was a very wonderful morning spent at the Cathedral, but it was time for lunch, so we adjourned to the "Street Kitchen" at Riverland in Eagle Street and enjoyed a meal whilst looking over the Brisbane River. This was a very pleasant ending to yet another delightful Probus gathering, and one that earned our tours and outings committee a big "thank you".

Kevin Pearse

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Our Visit to the Toowong Cemetery

As coming after a relaxing but reasonably long walk, a visit to a cemetery may seem a bit ghoulish. This one, thanks to our organisers and our guide, was far from that – a real history lesson, in fact!

To get the ball rolling, we had a review of the location of all three Brisbane cemeteries and of the importance each played in the history of the city. Reference was made to the surveyor, Stapleton, buried at the first cemetery, who was killed in the early days of settlement near the South Coast by two aborigines. This deed ultimately cost them their lives with the hangman. There is a railway station bearing Stapleton's name on the line between the CBD and the South Coast. Part of that cemetery still contains the remains of approximately three hundred and fifty bodies in the Park and surrounds at the northern entrance to the Grey Street Bridge.

We heard about the opening of the second cemetery on land which is now Lang Park and here approximately four thousand bodies were laid to rest. We noted that the nearby complex, nowadays known as the Barracks on Petrie Terrace, was once a prison. After that second cemetery was full by about 1871, the Government acquired two hundred acres of land at

Toowong for the third cemetery. After it was opened, however, only six persons were buried there over the next few years. Governor Blackall, Queensland's second Governor, chose the highest point in the cemetery for his future burial place. He was its first occupant. There are now over a hundred and fifty thousand bodies in Toowong and the cemetery is officially closed. We were advised that only a hundred and eighty-six bodies were removed from Lang Park and reburied in the Toowong cemetery.

While at Toowong, we visited the now controversial Temple of Peace, saw the resting place of Brisbane's first mayor, noted the number of very young children buried in that place, saw the monument to Mayor Pattison, from the then Toowong Council, recalling one of his legacies still known as "Patterson's Folly", visited the grave sites of successful business men and women of yesteryear including the monument to Mary Douglas whose husband was the second Queensland Premier and the person after whom Port Douglas is named. We were told about numerous politicians and judges now lying side by side. In a place called Federation Lane, we witnessed the names of those Queenslanders who ensured that this State became part of the Federation of Australia in 1901. Our final visit was to the grave of Peter Jackson, Australia's first heavyweight boxer and holder of the British Com-



There's got to be a story behind this - there's a place in this cemetery to remember everyone and everything.

monwealth title. His record included fighting one of America's best heavyweight fighters over sixty rounds, a fight that in the end was called a draw.

We all had coffee and drinks at the Botanical Garden's café located just across the road from the cemetery and while there discussed the legacy to Queensland of the late Mayne Family whose monument is also at Toowong.

We thank all who attended this historical activity. It made for a wonderful day out.

Una, Madonna & Barry

SPRINGWOOD

Our Club's outing to the Brisbane Tramway Museum at Ferny Grove

A wonderful tour, in fine weather, was enjoyed by members in the bushland surroundings at Ferny Grove. We all enjoyed our rides on the beautifully restored trams that ranged from a 1901 California Combination four-wheel tram, the mighty twelve-ton Dreadnought and the drop-centre

tramcar. These trams were running from 1901 right up to the time of the last tram, an honour given to No 554, in April 1969. Much pride was taken in building these early trams with kerosene lamps fitted. Beautiful coloured windows along the top advised passengers of their tram route, a sign that existed prior to the fitting of numbers on the front of trams.

It was lovely to hear members reminiscing of their youth, spent travelling on these trams. Some were more

comfortable than others. The latter ones had more protection from the weather, being fitted with windows. Some trams would carry up to a hundred and sixty passengers both seated and standing. It would appear you could always get another passenger on a tram.

The museum has a wonderful display of photographs, uniforms and many other items which tell the story of life in Brisbane in the first half of the twentieth century.

Rose



Peter explains the history of Brisbane trams to a fascinated audience.



Members obviously enjoying a ride on the #47 New Farm Ferry tram

CHERMSIDE

We are thirty years young

The Probus Club of Chermshire celebrated its Thirtieth Anniversary on April 26, and what a wonderful day we had.

Our meeting room at Geebung RSL looked spectacular. It was decorated with blue and yellow serviettes, sunflowers and balloons.

Our invited guests were Judith Maestracci, Chairman of the PSPL Board, and Lorelle Pacello, Liaison Officer for North Brisbane.

It was exciting to welcome eighty members, visitors and guests to our celebrations and especially our five Foundation Members - Marie Long,

Joy Barry, Gwenda Wood, Dawn McDowell and Noela Ellis.

We began the day with a short meeting and the induction of two new members, followed by a delicious Morning Tea and time to look at the memorabilia.

Photos, documents and photo albums were on display and a Power-Point of photos that ranged from the year 1992 to 2022 played during morning tea and lunch.

MC Mr Kevin McGrory introduced our Guest Speaker Judith Maestracci who spoke of the importance of Probus to Seniors and the role PSPL has in the promotion of this. She also reminded us that Brisbane will light up bridges and buildings to celebrate

Probus Day on October 1. She then presented a framed Thirtieth Anniversary Certificate from PSPL to President Noela.

Lorelle Pacello presented Certificates and Foundation Member Badges to Marie, Joy, Gwenda, Dawn and Noela, and Marie, our oldest member at the grand age of 94, cut the Anniversary cake. An Anniversary booklet, 2012 - 2022, with information about our Club, Office Bearers, a Membership List and photos was available to all members. To end a perfect day of Fellowship, Friendship and lots of Fun, we all enjoyed a beautiful lunch followed by a piece of Anniversary cake.

Noela Ellis



Morning tea was a good chance to see the memorabilia gathered through thirty years of club life.



Lorelle Pacello and Judith Maestracci join Kevin and Trish McGrory enjoy a chat.

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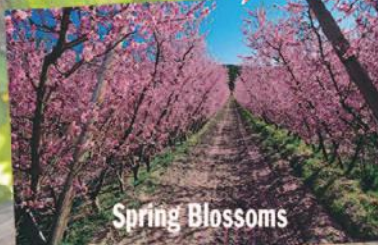


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1. What is the last book in the Bible?
2. Who was the US composer who collaborated on many musicals with Oscar Hammerstein II?
3. Which Hungarian inventor is famous for a cube puzzle he invented in 1974?
4. Who is the female character from Grimms Fairy Tales, with the very, very long hair?
5. What element was discovered by the Curies in 1898?
6. Two books of the Bible are named after women, Esther and what other?
7. In the cartoon series, Wile E. Coyote attempts to catch which bird?



8. Who was the nosy reindeer who could never join in any reindeer games?
9. What is the international postgraduate award for students to study at the University of Oxford?
10. Clint Eastwood shot to fame playing Rowdy Yates in what 1950s-60s TV series?
11. What is the scale that assigns a magnitude number to quantify the size of an earthquake?
12. In what French city was Joan of Arc burned at the stake in 1431?

1. Revelation. 2. Rogers (Richard). 3. Rubic. 4. Rapunzel. 5. Radium. 6. Ruth. 7. Road Runner. 8. Rudolf. 9. Rhodes. 10. Rawhide. 11. Richter. 12. Rouen.

ARANA HILLS DISTRICT

Our newest Club is up and jumping.

Our newest Probus Club in Queensland is Arana Hills District Probus Club, formed on 16th June, 2022 at the Arana Leagues Club and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mitchelton

The Foundation meeting was attended by close to eighty people including members of the sponsoring Rotary Club.

Fifty-seven people signed up to be members on the day, including the President and President Elect of the sponsoring Rotary Club. Another six took membership application forms indicating that they would pay and join at the July meeting. There were also several apologies from prospective members who indicated they would join at a similar time.

The proposed meeting room is already at full capacity, so will move to a larger room next door, free of any charge, courtesy of the Arana Leagues clubs, this being part of their community support.

The high attendance certainly highlights the need for Probus clubs to address isolation and loneliness among recent retirees.

Most attendees indicated that they became aware of the meeting through the advertisements and media release in the local free newspaper "The Echo".

Special thanks to the support of the Probus Association of Qld (PAQ) and Probus South Pacific Ltd. (PSPL) for the design and production of flyers for letterbox drops and posters in places frequented by retirees.

Most of the legwork in preparation for the meeting and promotion was done by Barbara Tobin, the PAQ RLO for this part of Brisbane, with assistance from PDG Merv Richens OAM representing Rotary District 9620 and PSPL.

The presentation on the day, which helped sell the excitement of belonging to Probus was done by PP Colin Sutcliffe OAM who is a member of the Rotary District 9620 Probus Committee.



Representative of the sponsoring Rotary Club, Ian Ross, is showing appreciation of the enthusiasm.



A good expression of interest is evident in the number of attendees.



The Management Committee is fully manned and "up and running".

THURINGOWA COMBINED

A day in a very special Museum

Our Club's guided tour and lunch at the Museum of Tropical Queensland in mid-June was thoroughly enjoyed by forty-four of our members. The help of Gabriel and his volunteers, and also that of the Café Staff was much appreciated. Our host for the day, Mike, is an active volunteer and staff member.

The Museum of Tropical Queensland is the only Branch of the Queensland Museum Network north of Brisbane and focuses on researching and interpreting the cultural and natural heritage of tropical Queensland. The star attraction is the HMS Pandora Gallery. Sent to catch the famous Bounty and her mutinous crew, the "Pandora" sank off the coast of Cape York in 1791. Hundreds of amazing artefacts have been recovered from the wreck and are on display. The Rainforest Gallery is based on the Paluma area and the big tree in the middle is a reproduction of a Blue Quandong. The Corals Gallery gave us a better understanding of the Great Barrier Reef and the different Fossils on display from North Queensland focused on the theme of "Living in the Tropics". It was great to see the items of Underwater Art before they are transferred to the waters near Magnetic Island. Seeing how birds are mounted for exhibition through the process of taxidermy was a pleasant surprise. After a two-hour tour, the wonderful volunteers guided us to their Deck, where they served a lovely lunch.

This tour, together with lunch on the beautiful Deck, with perfect North Queensland weather, was another memorable outing.

Graham Burgess



The Reef Gallery



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MACGREGOR

Anyone for Tennis?

When Joyce and Ray Eagle suggested going to a tennis club, it was game, set and match and "Thank you lines and ball persons", from me and others, until it was explained more fully what it was about, resulting in a quick reversal of serve or rather "serving", as it happened and a great morning out.

We had driven past the Sunnybank Tennis Club, on Padstow Road, perhaps hundreds of times, without so much as a second glance or thought. Tennis days are long ago and the plimsolls have fallen apart.

We never suspected it was to be a delightful coffee, cake and so much more venue.

Some twenty-six or so of us met for brunch on the morning of the seventh, a beautiful but still steamy autumn morning. What a surprise! It's a sort of museum-cum-country-barn-cum -restaurant, where the exhibits are built around the walls, surrounding the tables and seating – so much to see and digest, while digesting.

A wall of old Singers and other brand sewing machines, a wall of ancient phones and weighing machines, walls of little matchbox cars, cleverly displayed in clear tennis ball containers, long gone destination and street markers, bins with toilet seats for lids, emblazoned with the Union Jack - what does that say about Britain? - and so much more. The piece de resistance was that all the seats had their legs encased in tennis balls . . . bright yellow Spaldings.

Not exactly classy in layman's terms,



A wonderful and so varied collection - something really to pore over.



A magnificent collection of motorcars



The girls pore over the menu while the President looks pensive - something on his mind?

if you take my drift but quirky enough to bring a smile to most . . . well . . . me, anyway and they all made absolutely no noise when moved. The menu is comprehensive and service was quick. It was busy, which is a handy indicator.

Did we talk, laugh and eat a lot? Of course! It was a Probus day out! I asked whose idea and taste it all was, to be met with, "Oh! That's David. They are his ideas. He's here somewhere." I never saw him but would

have liked to talk to him to discover what made him tick and stick.

Out back, there is a pool hall, table tennis tables and they even play tennis there. Go figure. It's open for breakfast until about two o'clock and then for coffee and cake from then on. Do go look. You won't be disappointed.

Anyway. It was a great suggestion, thank you Joyce and Ray. Long may they continue.

John Perry

ROCHEDALE

We get the ball rolling with a 'Barefoot Bowls' Day

On a beautiful sunny day, recently, forty-seven keen members found their way to the Mt Gravatt Bowls Club for "Barefoot Bowls."

We were greeted by the Club Manager, Julie, who introduced us to Club Volunteers Ian and Henry. They organised us into groups of six, showed us where to collect our boxes of bowls and directed us to our indoor rinks.

Luckily, some of our members knew the rules of the game and, along with Ian and, along with Ian and Henry, the fun began. At first, there were bowls crossing into other team's games and generally going all over the place, but eventually we managed to understand the sport in which the objective is to roll the biased balls so that they along stop close to a smaller white ball called a "jack" or "kitty." There was lots of laughter and cheering.

After our two hours of bowling, it was time for a well-earned drink and lunch. The day was enjoyed by all.



In a state of high concentration, three of our members aim for the Jack

REDCLIFFE CITY MIXED

Kilcoy Diggers' Cup Race Day 2022

It was nearly a year since we made our previous trip to the Kilcoy Diggers' Cup Race Day – there had literally been "lots of water under the bridge", since that time. This was all too evident, as we headed west via Woodford and Villeneuve through the Stanley River catchment.

A little over five weeks prior to our trip, the racecourse was under flood water, with the running rails floating toward Sheep Station Creek. Logs

and rubbish covered the track.

Thanks to the efforts of soldiers from the 6th Battalion, RAAF Service Personnel and the Kilcoy Diggers, the track when we arrived looked a picture.

Our shaded tables and chairs gave us easy access to the Mounting Yard, the Betting Ring, the Winners' Circle – and, of course, especially important to the food outlets and the bar.

The Race Guide listed trainers, jockeys and full details of each horse, including "gear changes". Someone commented that they thought horses were automatic!

Various horse selection methods were employed and, although no-one admitted to a big win, the numbers 6,

2 and 4 featured frequently in the winners' circle after the six races.

Sometimes it's the mishaps that make memories. First, it was King Hammurabi breaking through the Starting Gates, probably setting a track record in his bid for freedom. Then, two riders and horses had falls, fortunately without damage to rider or horse, after the end of one race. But the highlight of the day had to be the sight of a female club member, head down in the rubbish bin, trying to retrieve a discarded winning ticket! But what happens on the race course should properly stay on the race course, perhaps.

A great day, indeed.



Bert Adshead and Bruce Glover ready for action – and presumably "cashed up" for the action



Mavis Adams giving a good lead to fashion on the field

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PADDINGTON

Our Stanthorpe Trip

The thirteen of us, who took the trip to Stanthorpe, had the most amazing time. On our return after three days it felt like we had been away for a week, we had seen and done so much.

Our driver, Eugene, could not have done more to facilitate our trip. He was a 'local' and his knowledge of the area - and enthusiasm for it - certainly rubbed off on us.

We visited three wineries but saw so much more. A highlight was a visit to a truffle farm, where Matt, the owner, had planted English Oak and Hazel-nut trees in a bid to encourage the growth of truffles.

It is quite an involved exercise that he only ventured into by chance. He was training Law Dogs and was approached by a dog owner who wanted his dog trained to be a truffle-hunter. This Matt did, seemingly fairly effortlessly, and then realised that there might be a business interest there. He was right! His knowledge of truffles is extensive and his business is booming.

There were many products available to taste and purchase. He warned us that some females can have an unexpected reaction as the truffle products can replicate male pheromones. I am pleased to report that the women in our group tasted and behaved with complete decorum.

It was wonderful to visit Storm King Dam and see it operating at full capacity. This Dam serves Stanthorpe and has been empty all summer. Water has been trucked in since late Spring, but recent rains have seen to that.

At the Ballandean Winery we were told they had just completed their

grape harvesting the day before the down-pour came. How lucky! The Dam is beautiful with so much greenery around it. There were fishermen on the jetty and on the water. Additionally, it is a great recreational facility.

There is so much to see and do in that area that there is insufficient space to recount our activities in full. Our dining experiences, however, cannot go unacknowledged. The food was amazing and gastronomic. Our hotel provided a buffet breakfast each morning, but it seemed no time until morning tea.

Then, there was always freshly baked scones with jam and cream. Lunches were pre-ordered from a menu and dinners were sumptuous.

Because of the variety of fruits and produce available, the desserts were a knockout!

A sentence I remember reading in the book, "Toujours Provence" came to mind where Peter Mayle says, after he'd enjoyed a wonderful French dinner, "We walked home over the fields steering our tummies before us".

I'd been home for twenty-four hours before I stopped steering mine!

We spent a good two hours at the Stanthorpe Heritage Museum and the Volunteer Historian was a mine of information.

There were so many evocative and sad stories and great exhibits that the past was brought alive at that place. In the Granite Belt, at the onset of WW1, farm workers left stable work



Members enjoying Ballandean Estate Wine tastings

and volunteered to defend King and Country, only to return to abject poverty with no employment, despite that having been guaranteed prior to their departure.

Of course, many were by then also suffering from Shell Shock, now acknowledged as PTSD. Exhibits reflected this desperately sad situation.

Other notable mentions are The Lavender Farm, the Blue Pot Pantry, Kominos Wines, Anna's Italian Restaurant, the Ballandean Estate Winery, the Granite Belt Brewery, the Jam-Works, and Sutton's Apple Juice and Cider.

Our accommodation at the High Street Motor Inn was very comfortable with an excellent restaurant attached. Checking in and out was a breeze.

In conclusion there are so many more experiences to be had in the Granite Belt that many of us want to make a return trip - perhaps yearly, although some suggested in six months' time.

For those who didn't join us - do consider it, it was terrific!

Pat Ashover

MARYBOROUGH COMBINED

Eye Health for Seniors

All eyes were on optician Tony Fraser from Maryborough's Haman Optical when he spoke about "Eye Health for Seniors" at the April meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Maryborough. Tony gave an "insight" into the composition of the eye, and spoke about dry eye syndrome, cataracts and macular degeneration - sparking considerable discussion among the members.

While addressing the "wide-eyed" Probian, Tony could see many "spots in front of his eyes", on polka dot dresses, shirts, skirts, scarves and ties. There were polka dots and spots as far as the eye could see. Some members were also spotted wearing novelty glasses.

The "eye-popping" cakes that were served for morning tea were decorated with Smarties and hundreds and thousands.

The Probians participated further in the theme by donating an "eye-watering" amount of spare spectacles and sunglasses to the Lions Recycle for Sight program, which provides refurbished prescription glasses to overseas recipients.



Tony, Nancy and Trevor wearing their fun glasses

CLUBS Talk and Travel

Jeni Neary compiled this information from monthly newsletters submitted by affiliated Probus clubs.
To follow up, your club secretary can provide the telephone numbers of clubs on this list.

Topic	Virtual Speaker/Speaker	Club
Local Disaster Management Support	Terry Steele, Cooloola Coast	Cooloola Coast
What I Found Under the Lino	Cayley Jeffrey	The Gap
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.	Ross Cutugno	The Gap
Quirks in Successful Cartooning	Brian Doyle, Retired Cartoonist	Holland Park Central
Red Cross – Its History and Achievements	Julianne Donnelly	Paddington
Global History of the Pearling Industry	Haemen Mendis	Kenmore Millennium
Charles Chavel & Australian Film Industry	Coral Johnson	Kenmore Village
Elder Law – A New Twist on Family Planning	Brian Herd	Holland Park Central
Recognising Stroke Symptoms	Lewis Hoffman, Stroke Safe	Bellbowrie and District
Bygone Days Genealogy	Annaleis Nutley	Kenmore Gardens
Radio Memories – ABC and 4BC	Spenser Howson	Salisbury East
Dupont School of Young Women	Elizabeth Wheeler	Sherwood
The Stinson	Philip Castle, Historian	Kenmore Gardens
PA Hospital Research Foundation	Damian Topp,	Kenmore Millennium
Man on the Twenty Dollar Note	Everard Compton	Algester and Districts
With My Little Eye – Spy Thriller	Sandra Hogan, Author	North Brisbane
Royal Flying Doctor Service	Val Marlowe	Springwood
Town Criers Then and Now	Kevin Howarth, Town Crier	Garden City Toowoomba

Outings	Topics, Locations, Activities	Club
Tour	Empire Theatre History and Morning Tea, Toowoomba	Highfields
Cruise	Caloundra Cruise between Bribie and Golden Beach	Redcliffe City Mixed
Penal Tour	Commissariat and other Williams Street History	The Gap
Exercise	Bellmont Archery	Algester and Districts
Day Tour	Kilcoy Diggers Race Day	Redcliffe City Mixed
Trip	Boonah Bunjuren Estate Winery	Algester and Districts
5 Day Tour	Train and Bus to Atherton Tablelands, Cooktown & Cairns	Bowen
Day Trip	Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular	Holland Park Central
3 Night Tour	Granite Belt	Kenmore Millennium
Day Trip	Abbey Museum at Caboolture	Kenmore Village
Tour	Anzac Museum in Anzac Square, Brisbane	Macgregor
Day Trip	Templin Historical Village and Dugandan Hotel Lunch	Coomera Valley
3 Day Trip	St George and Goondiwindi	Centenary Suburbs
Bus Trip	Rudd's Pub at Nobby	Bellbowrie & District
3 Day Tour	Bus to Gympie and Gympie Rattler Train Ride	Kenmore Gardens
Day Trip	Glasshouse Camel Farm	Caboolture
Day Trip	Silent Movies at Pomona Theatre	Salisbury East
Tour	Qld Institute for Molecular Science	Springwood
5 Day Trip	Capricorn Coast	Paddington

Other Probus Club Meeting Themes

Loud Shirt Day, Holly Jolly Dress-up Day, Red Theme Day, Going to the Races Day, Beach Bums, Ethnic Dress Day, Spring Fair, Bring and Buy Fair, A Short Play at meetings, Bush Poetry Day, Western Garb, Spring Hats, Easter Bonnets, Christmas Elves, Hot Socks, Shipwrecked, Book Titles, Movie Titles, United Nations Day, Bastille Day.

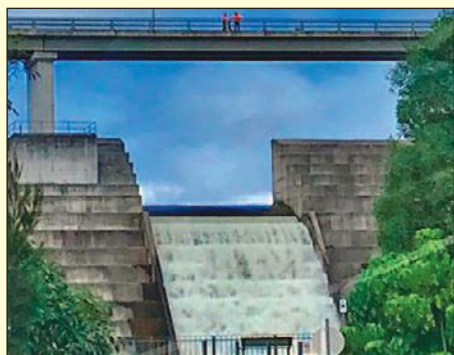
BELLBOWRIE

Our Outing to Hinze Dam, Numinbah Valley, Murwillumbah and Kingscliffe

On April 27th, thirty-nine Probus members set off on a trip across the border – no COVID passports required this time.

First stop was Hinze Dam for coffee and yummy scones plus a view of the water pouring over the spillway. I doubt any of us had been there before.

We followed the western edge of Advancetown Lake into the Numinbah Valley and down beside Natural Bridge. Many of us would know this as the Natural Arch, but it's forty years since we were there. Typical of the whole trip, it meant revisiting long-time memories and fascinating towns such as Chillingham and Tyalgum.



The Hinze Dam in full flow

The driver was superb, telling us about the McPherson Range, and the ancient volcanic outcrops of the Mount Warning cauldron, plus the picturesque Tweed and Rous Valleys. He had a dry sense of humour that made it even more fun.

And then on to Murwillumbah and Nunderi before lunch at Kingscliff Bowls Club. Delicious food and an outstanding view of the surf.

Geraldine's sister Jackie and husband Ray, ex- Sydney, joined us. They hadn't met face-to-face for some time. Lovely smiles and happy laughs.

The trip home was interesting. Because of work being done on the Pacific Highway, a major traffic

obstruction meant we could easily look down into the cabins of the cars crawling alongside us. So many drivers on their phones. Glad we weren't driving. Eventually, we turned into the Logan Motorway to face another traffic crawl, but it did move faster than in NSW and we got back to Bellbowrie just an hour late.

It was the view from our high-rise seats with someone else driving that made the day so interesting – forests, farms, craftsman cottages. Not something you can do in your own car. Lots of fun. Great company. Thanks, Roger and Geraldine, for organising this wonderful day.

Martin Lacey



A cuppa and a good chat – there's nothing better!

MT GRAVATT

Our visit to Bribie Island

Midway through May, forty-four of our members set off on a most interesting tour of the Bribie Island area. First stop was the fishing village of Donnybrook and then on to morning tea by the water at Toorbul Point. Both villages lie on Pumicestone Passage. This area was an important training area in amphibious warfare for Australian and American troops during WWII. We were all surprised at the development taking part in the villages. It was then on across the Bribie Island Bridge for a quick tour of Bribie and an excellent lunch at the Bribie Island Surf Club situated on the shipping passage into Brisbane. We were most interested in the incredible Water Tower Art at Bongaree and Woorim. After lunch our tour took us through Beachmere for more excellent Water Tower Art and then home to Gowan Road. An excellent day was had by all.

GOODNA-SPRINGFIELD

Good publicity for Probus and for Goodna-Springfield

We are fortunate to have many active members in our Club who have had many wonderful life experiences all over the world. So conversation at our monthly morning teas, lunches, and outings is always interesting, informative and FUN, with many life-long friendships being formed along the way. It is also with much pleasure that we can support the many popular restaurants, hotels and clubs in our area. Our very presence out in our community, with the display of camaraderie and that of people obviously enjoying each other's company, is the best advertising that our wonderful Club could get.

Thus, when we received notice from Barry Reid, our Regional RLO, that an invitation had been received by him about a Health & Wellness Expo about to be organised by the River Terraces Lifestyle Village, that indicated that they would be happy to include any Probus club in his Region

as a presence at the EXPO, we readily accepted.

We did find that participating at such an activity as this EXPO does not take much effort. The venue and those administrative details, including invitations to attend are arranged by others. All the promotional material is available from PAQ and PSPL.

Our reward came quickly and largely on the day. The reward for Goodna Springfield PC is that we have six people interested, and Probus information was given to about thirty people in total.



Penny Jameson and Julie Hamilton all set up and ready to go

CHATSWORTH-CARINDALE

We are introduced to the Queensland Southern Outback and Silo Art

In early May, a large group of our Club members ventured to South-West Queensland to explore the outback and the famed Silo Art, of which many had heard but not seen.

It was astonishing to see the size and high quality of the artwork painted on Silo structures throughout the area.

Many were so tall, we thought it impossible for such wonderful images to be created in recognition and promotion of the local area. We stood and gazed, almost in disbelief.

But we got very much more than we had hoped for.

We gained an appreciation of how hard life is in small country towns, the

challenge of maintaining population and developing modern infrastructure. We visited a cotton farm and learnt about the challenges of gaining and maintaining sufficient water, specialist equipment and farm labour.

We heard about Natural Gas harvesting and its impact, saw the Dingo Fence, dinosaur fossils, huge piles of grain stored on the ground under plastic and learnt about the remarkable Artesian Basin.

We saw a lot, most of which would not have been possible for us as car travellers and without a very knowledgeable, informative driver. Great friendship was forged in a great Queensland trip.



We were really in the mood for adventure – forget what the bus announced.



*Silo Art at Yelarbon –
"When the Rain Comes"*



*The well-known Thallon
"Drinking Hole"*



A great example of Silo Art

SHERWOOD

We celebrate our Twenty-Second Anniversary.

Local Brisbane Councillor, Nicole Johnson, Probus South Pacific Chair, Judith Maestracci and PAQ Regional Liaison Officer Barry Read joined Sherwood Probus Club members in a celebratory lunch for their Twenty-Second anniversary on Friday 15 July at the Sherwood Magpies AFL Club.

There was much lively entertainment headed by Club President Paul Coghlan and his support team led by

his Secretary, Joan Coghlan.

The special Guest Entertainers were the Springfield Sparklers who thrilled members with their dancing routine.

They opened with dancing to the Elvis hit "Jailhouse Rock" and concluded with dancing, suitably costumed, to the timeless tunes, "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" and "Singin' in the Rain".

These last twenty-two years have

seen us well able to enjoy and make the most of the usual Probus Fun, Friendship and Fellowship. Long may it continue!

Judith Maestracci joined Club President Paul Coghlan to present Gerry Thomas and Dorothy Eyears with Life Membership Certificates in recognition of their significant contributions to Club activities over many years.



The Springfield Sparklers in a spectacular routine



Gerry and Dorothy receive their well-deserved Life Membership awards from Judith Maestracci and Paul Coghlan.

MT OMMANEY

In and around the City

Twelve members of the Mt Ommaney Probus Club had a great morning with Coral, Sue and Charlie from the Brisbane Greeters on the Fish Lane Walk from Southbank to the West Village at West End. Fish Lane is named after George Fish who was a prominent business man and local politician in the area in the late Nineteenth century. It initially ran south from the Brisbane River until the Cultural Centre development. Now,



Coral and Charlie paused to go over their notes as we gazed up at some of the murals in Fish Lane.

however, it commences at Grey Street.

Fish Lane is a world apart from busy Melbourne Street, just a short fifty metres to the east.

The Greeters were very informative and kept our interest during the Walk. Fish Lane needs to be explored by someone with knowledge of the area. There are many murals which each has a history of its own. Much of the street-art has been made from scrap material.

The Town Square provides a place to relax over lunch or dinner or just to share a drink. There are even has sev-

eral charging stations for electronics.

Along the way we took an opportunity to have coffee along the way at the Cuban Coffee Shop.

We finished the walk at West Village and had lunch at "Picnic". West Village itself is another world apart and highlights the modern development of the area.

Walking Groups in Clubs should consider contacting the Brisbane Greeters, if members are considering a walk in the city and surrounds. There is no charge and the Greeters are well informed and friendly.

Barry Read



Greeter Sue giving some us details on the Fish Lane direction-sign

SALISBURY EAST

A justly awarded and well deserved recognition of Mick Kranas, a man who has served Probus well over the years

Recently, a notice was received from the Brisbane City Council about a "Local Hero Award" they were conducting. Secretary Paddy Boyd circulated it at the next meeting. He realised that we had our Local Hero in



Mick Kranas showing well-deserved pride in his Certificate

our Club, so she enlisted the help of me as a Past President and Current President Marj Hemingway. Together, unbeknownst to Mick, we nominated him for the Award. We were delighted but hardly surprised that he received the award.

The Award Presentation took place recently at the Oxley Bowls Club, where Mick along with his family was honoured. It is fitting that Mick has been recognised for the work he has done and still does do in our Club and the community at large. Certainly it goes some way towards recognising the enthusiasm and dynamism Mick gives to our Club, and, indeed, makes Salisbury a great suburb in which to live. He is, in effect, the glue that holds the Club together.

A Founding Member, now thirteen years old, he has worked to encourage residents of the Tennyson and the Moorooka areas and their friends to join a club dedicated to give retired Seniors social opportunities through outings such as would keep us abreast of developments in our city and beyond. As an example we recently attended a presentation on the Cross River Rail Project – again organised by Mick.

Knowledge of civic, legal affairs, and health issues keep our members up to date as Guest Speakers address our monthly meeting.

Suggestions from Mick are always welcomed and always pertinent.

We have a diverse membership with many stories to enlighten our members, crafts to present and collections to share. Mick arranged a "Spring Fair" this year to bring together the many cultural aspects of our community. We saw beautiful crafts from Europe and Asia, collections of medals, stamps, embroidery, woodwork, porcelain, doll making and card-craft together with jams, chutneys and other tasty treats. Through Mick's endeavours, we came to know one another better and be astounded at the great talent in our Club.

Everywhere you will find Mick's hand in recruiting and organising.

As a retired Accountant, Mick has been our Treasurer and has ably steered the finances of our Club since inception. He is greatly assisted by his wife Yvonne, who is a valued member of our Probus Club.

As our Honoured Life Member Mick has inspired many retirees to join with us in coming together to celebrate through friendship and activities in our later years. His humour, attention to detail and inclusiveness have gifted our club enormously. He is, indeed, "Our Local Hero".

Judy Anderson

SUNNYBANK

Three Moon, Boondooma and Yelarbon

On this trip, Mike and I travelled to Queensland's far South-West, exploring and staying at places new to us... Lake Bindegolly, Kilcowera Station, south of Thargomindah - where we met up with Carol Clifford, Eromanga and Kyabra Lagoon. Following recent rains, the watercourses had filled and wildflowers were blooming. The bird life, however, seemed to be still recovering after years of drought. There is nothing quite like the expansive skies, amazing sunsets and night skies of the open country.

As we made our way slowly back towards Brisbane, I learned that the grain silos at Three Moon near Monto had just been painted, and as Silo Art enthusiasts, we decided to head there to see them. The four corrugated grain silos combine three different stories into one scene. It isn't until you get up close to these particular silos, that you appreciate the skill needed to paint, not only on such a large structure in perspective, but also on a rippled surface. The Three Moon silos are Queensland's third and Australia's thirty-seventh on the Silo Art Trail.

After overnighting in Monto, we turned south, through



Exploring around Boondooma Homestead



Yelarbon Silo Art

Mundubbera, onto the Mundubbera-Durong Road to Boondooma Homestead. Located approximately halfway between Mundubbera and Jandowae, the Homestead is listed on the National Heritage Register. Camping is allowed, and there is basic accommodation available for those without a home on wheels. Day trippers are welcome and guided tours can be booked.

As well as being able to explore the treasure trove of old buildings, equipment and gardens at leisure, our overnights-stay included afternoon tea and a bush poetry reading, courtesy of the current managers. I would definitely recommend adding the Three Moon Silos and Boondooma Homestead to any South Burnett region trip you might plan.

We continued south via Chinchilla, Tara, Moonie and Goondiwindi to Yelarbon that lies some fifty kilometres east of Goondiwindi to see not only the town's finished silos, but to rendezvous with Jane Ward and her husband Keith, who were heading out west on their own adventure in a rental motorhome. Until recently, only four of the eight Yelarbon silos were painted, but in 2019 the remaining four were completed making a very impressive sight as you travel the Cunningham Highway.

Yve Stiles

PARK RIDGE

We certainly enjoyed this.

We went with the Beaudesert Club to the Outback Spectacular on Sunday 27th March. We had been due to go 27th February, however, the weather defeated us then. The place was crowded and it was difficult to find our people and get our tickets, but eventually I found Carol, who had organised everything. My ticket was scanned and in I went. It seems that some of the group had the old tickets and this complicated everything but eventually they were accommodated elsewhere. So all was well.

The meal was good. There was a Vegetable and Goats cheese tart, then a choice of chicken breast or steak. I had the chicken and it was very tasty. Dessert was a chocolate something, and was okay too, although I am not big on desserts



really. Chocoholics would have been happy.

The show came on and it was great. How those people could ride. The story was about the drought how it affects the people of the land and how they come together in adversity. It seems that even the cattle and the horses have learnt their moves over

time. They were right into the act as was the dog. And the helicopter was a huge surprise.

Wonderful photography and technical effects, even down to the river flowing down the ring and the grass growing when the rains came.

Thanks Beaudesert for organising this trip. I loved it.

SPRINGWOOD

Our Mid-Week Merriment Trip

Late last year, twenty-one members and friends headed to Stanthorpe for our Mid-Week Merriment Trip. All Probians know the clubs ethos of the three "F's": Fun, Friendship and Fellowship. While away, our Springwood group added an additional three "F's": the fourth for Food - we ate very well, the fifth for Fitness - thanks to Raghbir's walking efforts - and the sixth for the "Fine Wine" - we sampled quite a bit from the local wineries.

We started the trip by meeting at Rudd's Pub at Nobby, for a small bite of lunch. "Small" was not the correct adjective to describe the size of the meals. Anyway, after lunch and a brief shop at the local Craft Store, we continued to the Top of the Town Tourist Park. The Park has a lovely, covered area close to the vans and cabins. We gathered there for "Happy Hour" followed by a BYO BBQ. Lots of chatter and laughter resulted, as we finalised plans for the following day.

On Wednesday morning, several of



Members Steve and Sue Douglas lost for choice in the Christmas Shop.

our group decided to join Raghbir on a walk beside Quart Pot Creek. Some walked, while others strolled and admired the beauty of the area. It was amazing to see how high and fast the creek was flowing. We again made use of the covered area for morning tea. Christine and Sue had offered to bring their coffee machines and we were soon sipping cappuccinos, lattes, and long blacks. Several plates of goodies were on offer for all to share.

Twelve of our group went on a Wine Tour, while the remainder of the group explored independently. The first Winery visited was the family owned Casley Mount Hutton Winery. We enjoyed the tasting, and several bottles were purchased. We then continued on our merry way to lunch. Eugene, our driver, explained the significance of the Varis Restaurant and how the Queensland College of Wine Tourism, established in 2007, provides training and education for local students. Lunch was delicious, we were impressed with the quality of the food. Next stop was the Ridgemill Estate, a lovely boutique winery. Our last stop was the Rumbalara Estate Wines. Several of us purchased some Impi Cream. It was suggested making what would be quite a smoothie with 1/3 Impy and 2/3's ice-cream. Dinner followed at the RSL. At six o'clock, the lights were dimmed and the Ode read, followed by a minute's silence. Always a moving experience.

The light showers had not dimmed our enthusiasm for exploring. Come Thursday morning, some joined Raghbir for another walk, while others had a sleep-in. Most of the group



Members gathered outside the Casley Mount Hutton Winery

enjoyed morning tea at the Granite Belt Christmas Farm. All I can say is "Wow!". Entering the "Mistletoe Store", you are greeted with a wonderful array of decorations and gifts. Most of us left with a purchase or two.

Our group then went their separate ways. Attractions visited were Sutton's Farm, Jamworks Gourmet Food, Stanthorpe Cheese and Jersey Girls Cafe, The Heritage Museum and a stroll exploring the shops on Stanthorpe's main street. Mid-afternoon some met for a game of Trivia.

Our final gathering was our Farewell Dinner at Anna's Restaurant. This restaurant is well known in Stanthorpe for its delicious Italian food. We had the Buffet Menu and the food kept coming, a little too fast for most of us. We didn't have time to enjoy what was presented before the next offering was served. I did mention the Fourth F - FOOD.

It was great to catch up with our past members Robyn and Graeme Francey and Pauline and Eric Scharf. We met Joan's daughter Jacqui for the first time. Jacqui was a very welcome addition to our happy group.

Thank you, Carolyn, for your great planning and suggested activities for our Mid-Week Merriment break.

Deidre

SALISBURY EAST

Our Trip to Pomona in Search of Silent Movies

It was an early start on an overcast day when we set off for our excursion to Pomona. The first stop was at Caboolture for a rest break and Morning Tea. Back on the bus and off to Pomona, where we were soon settled in for the movie complete with our bag of sweets generously supplied by Donna Kranas.

We were greeted by Ron West who told us the history of the building and that of the showing of silent movies in this cinema. The movie chosen by our group was "The General" starring Buster Keaton. We were encouraged to get involved with the movie so there was lots of clapping and cheering and, of course, lots of laughter. His indeed was a great trip well worth attending.



Our organisers, Mick Kranas and Averil Oxenford, posing in front of the Screen

BRIBIE ISLAND

A Scam update we thought was worth sharing

Recently, we had the good fortune to listen to a talk given to the Club and be given good advice on the many email scams that float around the world at present to catch the unwary. As a starting point, it was indicated that anyone owning a computer would have probably lately noticed that email scams are on the rise. Our speaker said that a local Community Association recently decided to get a security system installed and tenders were called. The system was installed by the successful tenderer for \$4,600.

The vendor emailed his account with the invoice in PDF, as an attachment to his email. PDF stands for Portable Document Format and is a format developed by Adobe to send documents or images from one computer to another so that they look the same as the original.

The attached invoice from the vendor had his bank account details. It was seen and Okayed by several committee members of the Association and paid by a money transfer from their Westpac account into his account. The addressee said he

would send a receipt immediately, but none arrived so, about two weeks later, they emailed him for the receipt and he said he had not been paid. The Association denied this and they emailed him a copy of his email with his invoice details. He said that was not his bank account number and not his bank. So the \$4,600 had disappeared into another bank account at a different bank. They contacted their bank, Westpac, and the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC). The ACSC eventually tracked it to a bank account in Victoria and, apparently, froze the account. The Association received an email from Westpac eventually, saying the money was back in their account. All this happened over a period of about four weeks. They were really lucky as scams of this type generally end badly.

Our speaker suggested that a few things can be done to prevent these types of scams from happening.

He mentioned that the vendor sent his account as a PDF document attached to his email and many people thought that a PDF document was secure, but they can be changed by using an online PDF editor.

Westpac, and also the Cyber Security people, said that for first time pay-

ments one should phone the vendor and confirm their bank account details are correct. Additionally, one should also check if there are any irregularities in the email such as spelling errors or bad grammar. The bottom line may be that if one has any doubts about the sender, don't have anything to do with the message.

Apparently, one can open up a bank account online and this is what these scammers do. Then, they get the stolen money into their account and quickly transfer it into another account, close the first account and then transfer the money overseas. This makes it harder to follow the money trail.

Good advice offered was that one does need a strong password for one's email account. The community association's password was a bit weak. One should probably change the password occasionally. And perhaps it would be a good idea to have a Password Manager program on one's computer. Our members, in response to the question as to how many had a Password Manager admitted that none had.

It is OK to send accounts as an email attachment. BUT send the bank account details separately in a text message on a mobile phone.

KENMORE VILLAGE

Our life in Probus is a well-founded one.

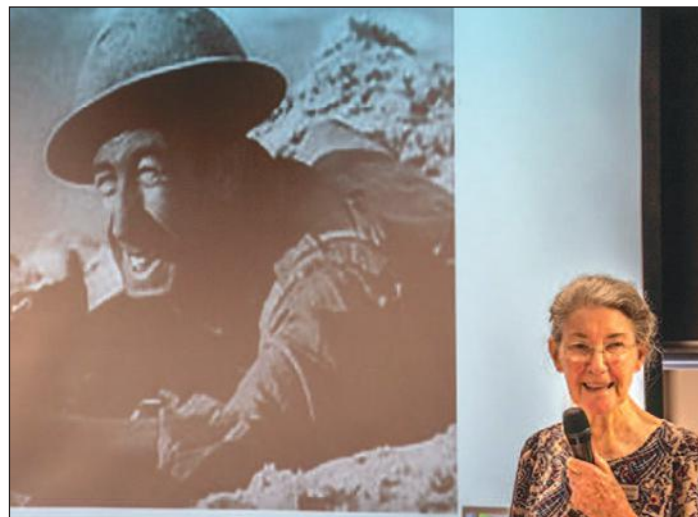
"TRAVELLING'S SO EASY AND CAREFREE WHEN YOU TAKE A TRAM" so said the poster at the Tramway Museum. This was from one of our normal monthly interactive and informative outings. We sure enjoyed ourselves in learning of the restorations, history of various trams and multiple rides on the special track. We went from a 1901 tram to the uniquely designed drop-centre style. What about that Anode 6 Phase Arc Rectifier? Such an immersive experience brought back fond reminiscences for many of our Probus Club who agreed trams were a great public transport service.

But that was just one of the so enjoyable get-togethers that we enjoy and benefit from in our Club.

We start the first week of a month with an outdoor picnic by going to such as the Australian Bush section of the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. This is a time for a quiet retreat to enjoy conversation and food with a shared morning tea, then our BYO picnic fare and drinks. With the possibility of a spray of a sprinkler, visits by native birds and generally something in flower, we find this adds to our mindfulness, curiosity and inspiration.

General Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month and include a delectably personalised morning tea and time for socialising. Our Guest Speakers have been marvellous, ranging from an exploration of the movies of Queenslander Charles Chauvel OBE of his enactment of WWII records through to the relation of three generations of a pioneering family by a local speaker.

Our routine is to have the third week for a lunch together and then the fourth week is devoted to an educational out-



Member Coral Johnson is well-versed in the films of Chauvel.

ing. This does, in our experience, ensure our togetherness as a club.

In addition, we respond to group bookings to concerts, exhibitions and performances. This will see us enjoying dining such as at the Open Table Café then the Reserve on the fringes of our suburb. A free concert at City Hall is scheduled with a favourite stop before and after at the Shingle Inn. From "Once in a Blue Moon" to "Unnecessary Farce", we are adding community theatre to our QPAC roster.

Our Club celebrates its thirtieth year in 2022 and, as many of you will understand, we're looking all the time for renewal and refreshment as we welcome new members.

George Bernard Shaw...

"If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done."

"Everything happens to everybody sooner or later – if there is time enough."

TAKE 10

Items of passing interest

Compiled by Jarvis Finger
Kenmore Millennium Probus Club

Making the best of life

"Each life is made up of mistakes and learning, waiting and growing, practising patience and being persistent."

– Billy Graham

crikey!

TALES OF THE AMUSING, ODD, AND OUTRAGEOUS

A mathematical problem

DAVID Hermann came up with a problem even his maths teacher couldn't solve.

Halfway through a lesson, young Hermann held up his left hand and announced: "I can't move." The index finger on his right hand was stuck in a small hole in the bottom of his desk.

Snow from outside was rubbed on the stubborn finger, but that didn't work. Nor did soap. Finally the teacher removed the upper section of the desk and escorted the lad to the local fire station where a drill and a saw were used to free the digit.

Embarrassment was the only injury, and David Hermann returned to his maths, all digits intact.



Beep! Beep!



An elderly guy in his red convertible is driving home from work when his wife rings him on his mobile phone.

"Honey," she says in a worried voice, "please be careful. There was a bit on the radio just now... some lunatic is driving the wrong way down the highway."

"Oh it's worse than that," he replies, "There are hundreds of them!"

Missed on microwave

Percy Spencer was working as a researcher for the American Appliance Company (now Raytheon) when he noticed a radar set using electromagnetic waves melted the candy bar he had in his pocket.

He then had an idea... make a metal box using microwaves to heat food. Success! – but his company was the one to file the patent.

Spencer received a miserable \$2 bonus and never any royalties.

Such is life.

Fantastic Foto #29

The Kiss Of Life up the pole

The year was 1967. A linesman giving mouth-to-mouth to his co-worker who became unconscious having come into contact with a high voltage wire.



Listen carefully next time

Morris, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street hand-in-hand with a gorgeous young woman.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc:

Unanswered questions

If people from Poland are Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

If a person who plays the piano is called a pianist, why isn't a person who drives a racing car called a racist?

Was line-dancing started by women waiting in the bathroom queue?

If 21 is 'twenty-one', why is 11 not 'onety-one'?

Why are a wise man and a wise guy not the same thing?

Probian Puzzler

The pick of the puzzles that perplex Probians. After five minutes, you may cheat by consulting the answer below...

Triplets (Neha, Bandini and Shivani) were born in March – but their birthday is in December. How come?

Watch your calories

I dreamed I was forced to eat a giant marshmallow. When I woke up, my pillow was gone.

Answer to Probian Puzzler:

The triplets were born in the town of March (UK)!



'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

Did you know?

Before settling on the Seven Dwarfs we know today, Disney also considered Chesty, Tubby, Wheezy, Burpy, Awful, Deafy and Hickey.



Ooops!
Did I
say that?

"Every time I open my mouth some idiot speaks!"

– Teacher heard remonstrating with her noisy class

Hold your nose

It's impossible to hum a song while holding your nose.

Normally, when you hum, the air is able to escape through your nose to create the sound and, of course, it can't do that when you're holding your nose shut.

This is one of the weird facts you can test out for yourself. Go ahead, try it.

A final point to ponder

Dieting is the only game in which you win when you lose!



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Thank you for the marvellous job of helping me to move from Dudley Street to Durack village. You were real pros: got it all done (packed, unpacked, tidied, organised) in record time besides being helpful and kind to me! You put things in perfect places in the house and I take pleasure in finding them.

All best to you all. If I ever have to move again, I beg you to be there.

Cheers, Francie



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